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1. Numerous private houses have been seized since 1946 at the northwestern edge of Turgovishte and rebuilt as barracks. New buildings were also built. There are now: a two-story main building, 30 by 100 m, for staff offices, quarters and magazines; a two-story building, 35 by 100 m, quarters; a food magazine and kitchen; several magazines and stables.
2. The complex is now occupied by a Bulgarian infantry regiment. The shoulder boards are red. Morale is poor. In October 1952 the regiment received 420 recruits from the class of 1931. At present it is composed of 80 percent of the class of 1931, 17 or 18 percent of the class of 1930 and the remainder of volunteers from the class of 1932. At present recruit training is being carried on vigorously, the regiment having been taken from its barracks to a summer camp for the purpose.
3. The commander is Lt. Col. Džemborff. It is made up as follows: a staff, 42 to 44 men, with machine pistols; a staff company, 52 to 55 men, with machine pistols; a communications company, 82 to 85 men with 10 pistols and 75 rifles; a scouting company, 55 men, with machine pistols; a technical company, 70 men; an AT company, 82 to 85 men, with six 45 mm AT guns, two light machine guns, five pistols, and 75 rifles; a mortar company, with three 120 mm mortars, three 82 mm mortars, two light machine guns, five pistols, six machine pistols, 70 to 75 rifles; an accompanying battery, 85 to 88 men, with four 76.2 mm guns, two light machine guns, seven machine pistols, 75 rifles.
4. The 1st Battalion is commanded by Capt. Togatieff. It consists of: a battalion staff, 72 to 75 men, with 20 pistols and 55 rifles; a communications platoon, 35 men, with 20 rifles, five pistols and technical materiel; a mortar platoon, 30 men, with three 82 mm mortars, five machine pistols, five

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pistols and 15 to 20 rifles; an AT platoon, 30 men, with two 45 mm AT guns, five machine pistols, three pistols and 25 rifles; 1st Infantry Company, 90 men with 33 light machine guns, 50 rifles and 15 pistols; 2nd Infantry Company, 95 men, with 33 light machine guns, 50 rifles and 20 machine pistols; 3rd Infantry Company, 85 men, with 33 light machine guns, 20 machine pistols and 50 rifles; Machine gun Company, with 12 heavy machine guns, 15 pistols, 10 machine pistols, 50 rifles.

5. The regiment is partly motorized; at present it has 35 trucks. The accompanying battery, the AT and scouting companies are to be motorized in the fall of 1953. The regiment is equipped with modern gas masks, but has never exercised with them.

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